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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Administrators of Community Residential Care Facilities, Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded (15 Beds or Less), and Residential Treatment Facilities for Children and Adolescents

**FROM:** Jerry L. Paul, Director  
Health Licensing Section

**SUBJECT:** Conditions Allowing a Provider-wide Exception to the Requirements of Regulation 61-84, Standards for Licensing Community Residential Care Facilities, Section 2501.4.C; Regulation 61-13, Standards For Licensing Habilitation Centers For The Mentally Retarded or Persons with Related Conditions, Section V(1)(e)(3); Regulation 61-103, Residential Treatment Facilities for Children and Adolescents, Section Q(1)(C)(3).

The sections in the regulations mentioned above for community residential care facilities, intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded (15 beds or less), and residential treatment facilities for children and adolescents require that the "Hot water supplied to the pot washing sink in the kitchen shall be supplied at one-hundred forty degrees (140 degrees F.)."

It has been determined that the hot water temperature level as currently required at the pot washing sink, in certain instances, may be excessively restrictive. In the interest of establishing reasonable standards which can be met by providers and yet do not compromise the health and well-being of patients cared for in the above facilities, it has been determined that alternative standards will be considered as acceptable.

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PWE - Equipment/Utensil Washing Sink Water Temperature

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All community residential care facilities, intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded (15 beds or less), and residential treatment facilities for children and adolescents will be required to meet the standard outlined in each facility's respective licensing standard, i.e., R61-84, Section 2501.4.C; R61-13, Section V(1)(e)(3); R61-103, Section Q(1)(C)(3)., **or, as an alternative:**

Hot water supplied to the kitchen equipment/utensil washing sink shall be supplied at 120 degrees F. provided all kitchen equipment/utensils are chemically sanitized.

These exceptions apply to any community residential care facility, intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded (15 beds or less), or residential treatment facility for children and adolescents licensed by the Department. It relates solely to SC licensing standards. Any adverse condition(s) that may be related to this exception may result in revocation of the exception by the Department.

If there are any questions, you may call Gene Chestnut at (803) 737-7220.

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